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This is my notification to the FCC of my disagreement with the proposed elimination of the Morse code test for obtaining an Amateur Radio License.

My husband has been a licensed Amateur Radio operator since he was 14 years old. It eventually became his profession. As a Radioman in the United States Navy and as a Radio Electronics Officer on ships all over the world as a Merchant Marine Officer. He also was a Radio/Electronics Officer, on the Hughes Glomar Explorer, the C.I.A. Spook ship that picked up the Russian Submarine in the early 1970's.

When we got together in the 1970's he was sailing all over and gone eight months of the year. I took a HAM Radio class and learned the code and got my Amateur Radio License. We communicated by CW, exclusively, from the Gulf of Alaska to Panama. This was a very important thing in my life to be able to talk to my husband while he was at sea any where in the world.

Being an Amateur Radio Operator is a Privilege, and learning the code is an accomplishment to be proud of.

CW is a unique form of communication with a long and fascinating history. CW works when voice transmissions don't. Very little power needed and a simple transmitter/receiver to get folks into Ham radio.

The code requirement should have stayed at 5 words per minute for Technician License and 13 words per minute for General License and 20 words per minute for Extra Class license.

Knowing that time and technology march on, I realize that there are "easy" ways to communicate with out CW. However since I wear hearing aides in both ears, I can tell you that it is "easier" to tell a Dit or Dah, than a voice transmission.

Have you considered that many people like me prefer to use CW?

Please keep the code requirement. CW is an art that is very valuable; please don't let it become a "lost Art"

Thank You,
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(KA7JCT) Extra Class License